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## Open up negotiations

Re health insurance premiums as the key issue in health care overhaul: I couldn't disagree more with that assessment.

As a health care activist and an RN, I'm even more concerned at President Obama's failure to make good on his numerous campaign promises that would allow "we the people" to observe the debates, discussion and development of the so-called health care reform bill.

I'm also concerned that he has done little to alter the partisan attitudes that seem to run rampant these days through our nation's capital. Thus, I wasn't surprised to learn that he chose to only invite Democrats to the recent meeting at the White House, and that he appears to be in favor of forgoing the tradition of the conference committee to resolve the differences in the House and Senate's versions of the bill.

The Republican legislators, like the Democrat legislators, were duly elected, and thus it's their job to also make the support and objections of their constituents heard.

Obama's decision to not invite Republican legislators is not only an example of bad management, but also a show of disrespect to the constituency represented by these legislators.

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